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## **CLAIMS**

- 1. A brewing chamber of a coffee machine (10) for a coffee pad comprising a top part (34) that is provided with openings (40, 67) for the water delivered to the brewing chamber (60), and a bottom part (30), characterised in that the top part (34, 34', 34") is embodied as monolithic.
- 2. The brewing chamber according to claim 1, characterised in that the top part (34, 34', 34") of the brewing chamber has an outer seal (68).
- 3. The brewing chamber according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterised in that the top part (34, 34') has a centrally located elastic push-off element (36, 38).
- 4. The brewing chamber according to claim 3, characterised in that the push-off element (36) is substantially hemispherical in its stress-relieved state.
- 5. The brewing chamber according to claim 4, characterised in that the push-off element is a star-shaped element (38) having metal tongues.
- 6. The brewing chamber according to claim 5, characterised in that the metal tongues (38) are arranged between openings (40) in the top part of the brewing chamber (34') for entry of water.
- 7. The brewing chamber according to any one of claims 1 to 6, characterised in that the top part (34") has an elevated structure (65, 66) on the side facing the brewing chamber (60).
- 8. The brewing chamber according to claim 7, characterised in that the elevated structure comprising circularly arranged ribs (65) provided with gaps (66).

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- 9. The brewing chamber according to claim 8, characterised in that the circularly arranged ribs (65) are arranged concentrically.
- 10. The brewing chamber according to claim 8 or claim 9, characterised in that the gaps (66) are arranged offset with respect to one another in the radial direction.
- 11. The brewing chamber according to any one of claims 7 to 10, characterised in that the openings (67) are arranged in the gaps (66).
- 12. The brewing chamber according to any one of claims 2 to 11, characterised in that the outer seal (68) of the top part (34") is executed as a tab-shaped circular lip (68) and the top part (34") comprises a plurality of supporting ribs (69) for preventing any attachment of the tab-shaped lip (68) to the top part (34").
- 13. The brewing chamber according to any one of claims 1 to 12, characterised in that the top part (34") can be placed with the side facing away from the brewing chamber (60) on the housing (62) for the top part (34").
- 14. The brewing chamber according to claim 13, characterised in that the side of the top part (34") facing away from the brewing chamber (60) comprises a projection (63) whereby the top part (34") can be engaged in the housing (62) for the top part (34") at lugs (64).
- 15. The brewing chamber according to claim 14, characterised in that the projection (63) is moulded on the top part (34").
- 16. A coffee machine with a brewing chamber (60) according to any one of claims 1 to 15.